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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
AND REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND INTERVIEW**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 13, 2004 setting a three-month period for reply. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a), it is respectfully requested that the period for reply be extended three months, i.e., to up to and including March 13, 2005. As March 13, 2005 fell on a Sunday, this paper is being filed the following business day, Monday, March 14, 2005. A check in the amount of \$510.00 in payment of the fee therefore by a small entity is enclosed. Additionally, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.